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**Facilitating the Timely Opening of the New MLK Community Hospital**

On April 22, 2014, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the lease agreement and financing plan to support the new Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Community Hospital. Since approval of the lease and financing plan, Los Angeles County (County) staff have partnered with MLK Community Hospital staff to open the Hospital according to the timeline stipulated in the lease.

On June 23, 2014, the Board added an MLK Community Hospital project management role with offsetting funding to the Department of Health Services (DHS) budget so DHS can coordinate the information flow between the County and MLK-LA Healthcare Corporation to ensure the timely completion of pre- and post-Hospital opening activities.

It is critical that the Board continue to reasonably facilitate the timely opening of the new MLK Community Hospital that restores critical services at the campus.

**THEREFORE I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Health Services, or his designee, to act as the County's agent pursuant to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital lease

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agreement that was signed and approved by the Board of Supervisors in April 2014 and to facilitate activities which support the Hospital's timely opening, with the following limitations:

DHS exercise its authority subject to approval by County Counsel and notification to the Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or his designee, when exercise of authority results in an expenditure of less than \$500,000 at no net cost to the County and is related to these specific areas: (a) the tripartite agreement among the County, MLK Community Hospital and Cerner governing the Hospital's electronic health record system; (b) temporary, non-clinical expansion activities either on- or off-campus; (c) temporary space use agreements to allow MLK Community Hospital access to County-operated space on campus at no new net County cost, for the purposes of training and start-up activities to terminate no later than 6 months after the opening of the Hospital; d) temporary space use agreements to allow the Worker Education Resource Center (WERC) access to County-operated space on campus at no new net County cost, for the purposes of staff recruitment activities for MLK Community Hospital, to terminate no later than 12 months after the opening of the Hospital; e) temporary adjustments needed to accommodate MLK Community Hospital employee and guest parking needs to terminate 3 months after the opening of the Hospital; and f) facilitate, with other responsible County Departments such as the Department of Public Works and the CEO, to achieve design and construction changes needed to improve safety and maintenance needs for the Azul Healing Garden.

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